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SUBJ: GOK REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ARMS

1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER SIR ANTONY DUFF INFORMS ME THAT DELEGATION OF TWO FROM GOK PLANNING VISIT UK END OF JULY OR EARLY AUGUST FOR MEETING WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER TO PRESENT GOK REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ARMS. HOWEVER, BETWEEN PM'S PLANS FOR MOSCOW TRIP AND NOW CYPRIOT CRISIS, PM MAY ASK GOK TO POSTPONE VISIT. DUFF HAS SUGGESTED TO FOREIGN OFFICE HE BE PRESNDM. HOWEVER PM HAS INDICATED HE PREFERS MISSION CHIEF NOT BE PRESENT WHEN HE SEES FOREIGN VISITORS; THEREFORE, DUFF MAY WELL NOT GO TO UK. DUFF STATED BRITISH WILL GIVE NO INDICATION TO GOK RE ARMS, EITHER PRO OR CON, BEFORE VISIT. MOST PROBABLY PRIME MINISTER WILL TELL KENYANS BRITISH WILL STUDY REQUEST, AND IN PARTICULAR WHICH REQUIREMENTS BRITISH WOULD SUGGEST MIGHT BE OF MOST VALUE TO KENYANS FROM SHOPPING LIST THEY PRESENT.

2. I RAISED WITH DUFF IDEA OF ARMS LIMITATION IN EAST AFRICA, POSSIBLY UNDER KENYATTA'S LEADERSHIP. IT WAS MY IMPRESSION DUFF WARMED TO IDEA.

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